MR. H. K. MADIAH supported the representation.

THE FIRST MEMBER (*Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur* K. MATTHAN) replied that the representation would be referred to the High Court for consideration.

DEWAN'S CONCLUDING REMARKS.

MR. C. K. VENKATRAMAIYA, Kannada Translator to Government, then read out the Kannada translation of the concluding remarks of the Dewan, which were as follows :—

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY,

I shall not detain you long as I have only a few observations to make with reference to the discussions that have taken place at this Session.

The general principles of nine bills including a private bill were placed before the House. The Bills for amending the Negotiable Instruments Regulation, the Civil Procedure Code, the Forest Regulation and the Cinematograph Regulation had the approval of the House. The Bill to amend the Agriculturists' Relief Regulation, which also secured the strong support of the House, is intended to remove some of the hardships to which creditors are subject at present without, at the same time, contracting the scope of relief to the agriculturist, and it is hoped that the law as amended will improve the credit of the agriculturist class. In this connection it was urged that facilities for obtaining loans at a cheap rate of interest should be provided for the agriculturists. Government are taking action to the extent possible to extend the operation of the Land Mortgage Banks.

Another important measure which was approved of is the bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to labour in factories. While some members considered that the bill did not go far enough and did not assimilate all the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Labour, others were of the opinion that the reduction of the hours of work and the other obligations laid on factory owners would work hard on the smaller factories. The bill takes a middle course between these two views and the provisions are considered sufficiently ameliorative of labour conditions in the existing circumstances. It closely follows the Indian Factory Act. It is necessary that factory legislation should be more or less uniform with that in British India.

As regards the Bill to amend the Limitation Regulation, I did not expect so much opposition to a proposal which was neither novel nor heroic but one which was intended solely to help the litigant public rather than cause them any inconvenience. Government do not, however, wish to disregard the views of the Assembly and have decided to drop the matter for the present in deference to its wishes. But I may be permitted to hope that later on you may be persuaded to alter your attitude and accept a measure which has been in operation for years in British India.

The next question I should like to refer to is the interesting discussion that took place on Primary Education. The members pressed with much vigour and earnestness for an enhanced grant for Primary Schools. Government are fully alive to the supreme importance of Primary Education, but the House must remember that the Elementary Education Regulation is on the Statute Book, and its one essential feature—one which was fully accepted by all at the time—is a division of responsibility, administrative and financial, between Government and the Local Education Authorities. The latter are not entitled to disown their responsibility and call upon Government alone to finance additional schools. I should be immensely gratified if members would not content themselves with a mere reiteration of the obvious urgency for more Primary Schools, but assist Government in the difficult but necessary task of exploring fresh avenues for meeting the expenditure. For none of us are alchemists and money has to be found from somewhere

if additional expenditure is to be incurred. Meanwhile, let me assure you that Government will do everything in their power, without always waiting for the Local Education Authorities, to extend Primary Education.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it only remains for me to thank you for your presence at this Session, and to express the hope that, when we meet again a few months hence, we shall have had a good monsoon and find ourselves full of happiness and full of hope for the future of Mysore and her people.

I now declare this Session closed.

MR. BELUR SHINIVASA IYENGAR expressed the appreciation and gratitude of members of the Assembly to the Dewan and the Members of Council for the sympathetic hearing they had extended to them throughout the session and for the encouraging replies which they had given to some of the requests made in the course of the Session. He said that all the members were very much struck by the uniform courtesy which the Dewan in particular had shown to the members of the House at all the 19 Sessions of the House. On behalf of the members, he prayed to God that He be pleased to bless the Dewan and the Members of Council with long life and prosperity.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY requested the Dewan to convey to His Highness the Maharaja the assurances of loyalty on the part of the members.

With three Cheers to His Highness the Maharaja, the Session came to a close at 5-30 p.m.

BANGALORE,
Dated 26th August 1935.

C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR,
Secretary,
Mysore Representative Assembly.